

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2940 - HB 3162

February 23, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits judge and attorneys from commenting, at any time, to the jury on possible penalties for the offense charged nor all lesser included offenses except for capital crimes. Under current law, the court will state the possible penalties for the offense charged and all lesser included offenses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

Assumes the net impact will depend upon increased sentences due to juries not being instructed regarding lesser included offenses and sentences and the potential for additional acquittals due to lack of optional lesser charges and sentences

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director.